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Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration of Barbados[1] and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[2] the Mauritius Declaration[3] and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[4] the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway (Samoa Pathway)[5] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation),[6] including chapter VII, on the sustainable development of small island developing States,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[4] Ibid., annex II.

[5] Resolution 69/15, annex.

[6] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

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Reaffirming also the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled "The future we want",[7]

Reaffirming further its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", recognizing that it builds on the Millennium Development Goals and seeks to complete their unfinished business, and stressing the importance of the implementation of this new ambitious Agenda, which has poverty eradication at its core and aims at promoting the social, economic, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development,

Reaffirming its resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, supports and complements it, and helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with concrete policies and actions within the framework of a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development,

Reaffirming also the outcome documents and decisions of all conferences and processes related to the sustainable development priorities of small island developing States, including, inter alia, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,[8]

Looking ahead to the session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris in December, underscoring the commitment of all States to work for an ambitious and universal climate agreement, and reaffirming that the protocol, another legal instrument or agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all parties shall address in a balanced manner, inter alia, mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building, and transparency of action and support,

Recalling its resolutions 67/206 of 21 December 2012, 67/290 of 9 July 2013, 68/1 of 20 September 2013, 69/15 of 14 November 2014, 69/217 of 19 December 2014, and 69/288 of 8 June 2015,

Reaffirming that small island developing States remain a special case for sustainable development, in view of their unique and particular vulnerabilities, and that they remain constrained in meeting their goals in all three dimensions of sustainable development, and recognizing the ownership and leadership of small island developing States in overcoming some of these challenges, while stressing that, in the absence of international cooperation, achieving success will remain difficult,

Welcoming the partnerships announced at, inter alia, the International Conference on Small Island Developing States, held in Apia from 1 to 4 September 2014, by Governments, international and regional organizations, the private sector, civil society and major groups, recognizing, in this regard, that international cooperation and partnerships of various kinds and across a wide variety of stakeholders are critical for the implementation of the sustainable development of

[7] Resolution 66/288, annex.

[8] Resolution 69/283, annex II.

small island developing States, and welcoming also the informal partnership dialogue held in New York on 25 June 2015,

Welcoming also the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, in particular the meeting on small island developing States under the theme "The Samoa Pathway: translating vision to action", held on 1 July 2015,

Recognizing that it is crucial to mobilize resources from all sources for the effective implementation of the Samoa Pathway,

Recognizing that, in spite of the considerable efforts of small island developing States and the mobilization of their limited resources, their progress in the attainment of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and in implementing the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy has been uneven, that some have regressed economically and that a number of significant challenges remain,

Reaffirming the need to mainstream sustainable development at all levels, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects, and recognizing their interlinkages, so as to enable small island developing States to achieve sustainable development in all its dimensions,

Recalling the successful conclusion in February 2015 of the International Year of Small Island Developing States: 2014, and the contribution of the international year in raising global awareness of the sustainable development challenges faced by small island developing States, as well as their rich culture and natural heritage,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[9]

2. *Reaffirms* the outcome document of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, and urges its speedy and effective implementation, as well as effective follow-up and review;

3. *Welcomes* the renewed commitment of the international community to taking urgent and concrete action to address the vulnerabilities of small island developing States and to continuing to seek solutions, including additional ones, to the major challenges facing them in a concerted manner to support the implementation of the Samoa Pathway;

4. *Reaffirms* the sustainable development priorities for small island developing States identified in the Samoa Pathway, and set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the outcome documents of all related United Nations conferences and processes;

5. *Acknowledges* in this regard that small island developing States are committed to the implementation of the Samoa Pathway and to that effect are mobilizing resources at the national and regional levels, despite their limited resource base, and calls upon the international community to assist and support small island developing States in the implementation of the Samoa Pathway, including by integrating its provisions into their national and regional policies and development frameworks;

[9] A/70/269.

6. *Urges* all partners to integrate the Samoa Pathway into their respective cooperation frameworks, programmes and activities, as appropriate, to ensure the effective follow-up to and implementation of the Samoa Pathway;

7. *Recalls* the need to fully mainstream a gender perspective into all United Nations summits, conferences and special sessions and their follow-up processes;

8. *Calls upon* the United Nations system, international and regional financial institutions and other multilateral development partners to continue to support small island developing States in their efforts to implement national sustainable development strategies and programmes by incorporating the priorities and activities of small island developing States into their relevant strategic and programmatic frameworks, including through the United Nations Development Assistance Framework process, at both the national and regional levels, in line with their mandates and overall priorities;

9. *Urges* the full and effective implementation of the commitments and partnerships announced at the Conference and the fulfilment of the provisions on all means of implementation, as contained in the Samoa Pathway;

10. *Welcomes* the convening of the Ministerial Meeting on Food Security and Climate Adaptation in Small Island Developing States, held in Milan, Italy, from 14 to 16 October 2015, and takes note with appreciation of the Milan Declaration on Enhancing Food Security and Climate Adaptation in Small Island Developing States, within the framework of the Samoa Pathway;

11. *Decides*, in accordance with paragraph 101 of the Samoa Pathway, and in line with the priorities of small island developing States, to establish the Small Island Developing States Partnership Framework, to monitor and ensure the full implementation of pledges and commitments through partnerships for small island developing States, in order to promote the effective and efficient follow-up to the existing partnerships, in particular new partnerships launched at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, and to encourage new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of small island developing States, and in this regard:

(a) To form a Steering Committee that shall be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies, chaired by one SIDS and one non-SIDS Member State, to support the follow-up of existing, and promote and advocate for the launch of new, small island developing States partnerships. United Nations entities, international and regional organizations, major groups and other stakeholders will be invited to contribute as appropriate; the United Nations Secretariat, in particular the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, will provide a supporting role to the Steering Committee; the first meeting of the Committee should be held as soon as possible, and no later than February 2016, when it will discuss, inter alia, the working methods of the Committee;

(b) To organize on an annual basis, an action-oriented, results-focused, Global Multi-stakeholder small island developing States Partnership Dialogue, which will provide opportunities for reviewing progress made by existing partnerships, sharing good practice, lessons learned, challenges and solutions from

small island developing States partnerships, and encourage the launch of new partnerships for small island developing States in line with their priorities;

(c) The Global Multi-stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue will review partnership progress reports from, where applicable, regional and national partnership dialogues and a standardized reporting mechanism will be developed for this purpose, in consultation with Member States, which takes into account existing reporting mechanisms and the need to minimize reporting burden, and ensure reporting coherence;

(d) *To encourage* regional multi-stakeholder small island developing States partnership dialogues through existing forums, where applicable, and notably through the regional commissions, in close collaboration with small island developing States and partners, for reviewing and providing policy recommendations at the regional level;

(e) *To encourage* small island developing States to organize national multi-stakeholder SIDS partnership dialogues on a voluntary basis, according to their needs, priorities and circumstances, and invites the United Nations system and the international community, upon request, to support small island developing States in this regard;

12. *Requests* the Joint Inspection Unit to submit the complete results of the comprehensive review of United Nations system support for small island developing States, as an addendum to the report of the Secretary-General[9] before the end of the seventieth session, in accordance with resolution 69/288;

13. *Underlines* the need to give due consideration to the issues and concerns of small island developing States in all relevant major United Nations conferences and processes;

14. *Decides* to devote one day at future meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development to addressing the sustainable development challenges facing small island developing States and the follow-up to and implementation of the Samoa Pathway;

15. *Urges* effective linkages to be made between the follow-up and review arrangements for the 2030 Agenda with those of all relevant United Nations conferences and processes, including the Samoa Pathway, in line with paragraph 82 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

16. *Decides* to conduct a midterm review, and follow up on progress made in addressing the priorities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Samoa Pathway, no later than 2019;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

18. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States".